

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-13 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 stand rejected and claims 3 and 5 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, however, claims 3 and 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takeda et al. (USP 6,584,155) in view of Iu (USP 5,471,252). For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection and requests favorable disposition of the application.

Argument

In regard to the rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7, Applicant points out that the U.S. filing date of the asserted reference to Takeda et al. is December 26, 2000, after the Korean priority date of the present application, which is October 11, 2000. Therefore, the rejection under §103, which is based, at least in part, on Takeda et al., can be overcome by filing a sworn or certified translation of the Korean priority application, KPA 2000-59732, as provided for in 37 C.F.R. § 1.55 and MPEP § 201.15. Accordingly, Applicant is submitting herewith a certified translation of the priority document of the present application, i.e., Korean Patent Application No. 2000-59732. In view of the perfected priority in regard to the present application, Applicant respectfully submits that the Takeda et al. reference is not prior art with respect to the present application and, thus, the §103 rejection of claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 is obviated and should be withdrawn.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
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Patentability of New Claims

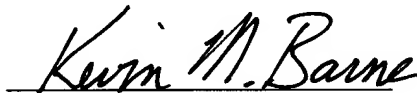
For additional claim coverage merited by the scope of the invention, Applicant has added new claims 8-13. Applicant submits that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the combination of features contained therein.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, the application is believed to be in form for immediate allowance with claims **1-13**, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, he is kindly requested to **contact the undersigned** at the telephone number listed below.

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